

WILLIAM F. WALL.

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Mr. HURLEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4846.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4846) for the relief of William F. Wall, have had the same under consideration and recommend granting the relief asked for by the beneficiary of the bill.

It appears from the records of the Navy Department that Wall enlisted in the Navy at New York September 6, 1861, as a landsman; served on board the United States ships *North Carolina*, *O. M. Pettit*, *Vermont*, and *Fort Jackson*. On the records of the last-named vessel he is marked as a deserter, having left the vessel by permission while lying at the navy-yard, New York, October 26, 1863.

In an affidavit Wall states that he had no intention of deserting, but was taken ill while on shore at his home, and when he got well reported at the navy-yard to find his vessel had sailed. During his service of over two years on shipboard his record is clear, and as a citizen of forty-five years' residence in New York he has an honorable standing.

Your committee therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

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